



TOWN OF WARRENTON

POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, July 25, 2016, in Fauquier County Circuit Court, a Grand Jury indicted Mr. Jud A. Fischel, Esq. (W/M, 68 YOA) of Warrenton, Virginia on one charge of Sexual Battery resulting from an investigation by the Warrenton Police Department into allegations from clients of his law practice. The court subsequently issued a summons as a result of the indictment, which was later served. The summons commands Fischel's appearance before the Circuit Court of Fauquier County on August 22, 2016 at 10:00 am for an initial court appearance in answer to the charge.

Sexual Battery is a Class 1 Misdemeanor in Virginia punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or a \$2,500.00 fine.¹ The investigation is ongoing, and thus any information requests will be directed to the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney.

Anyone who has information about this offense or any similar offense should contact Detective Sergeant Tim Carter of the Warrenton Police Department, at 540-428-9591 or by email at tcarter@warrentonva.gov.

Louis Battle
Chief of Police

¹ § 18.2-67.4

Sexual battery

A. An accused is guilty of sexual battery if he sexually abuses, as defined in § 18.2-67.10, (i) the complaining witness against the will of the complaining witness, by force, threat, intimidation, or ruse, (ii) within a two-year period, more than one complaining witness or one complaining witness on more than one occasion intentionally and without the consent of the complaining witness, (iii) an inmate who has been committed to jail or convicted and sentenced to confinement in a state or local correctional facility or regional jail, and the accused is an employee or contractual employee of, or a volunteer with, the state or local correctional facility or regional jail; is in a position of authority over the inmate; and knows that the inmate is under the jurisdiction of the state or local correctional facility or regional jail, or (iv) a probationer, parolee, or a pretrial defendant or posttrial offender under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, a local community-based probation services agency, a pretrial services agency, a local or regional jail for the purposes of imprisonment, a work program or any other parole/probationary or pretrial services or agency and the accused is an employee or contractual employee of, or a volunteer with, the Department of Corrections, a local community-based probation services agency, a pretrial services agency or a local or regional jail; is in a position of authority over an offender; and knows that the offender is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, a local community-based probation services agency, a pretrial services agency or a local or regional jail. □

B. Sexual battery is a Class 1 misdemeanor.